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SUBJECT: HOST GOVERNMENT PUBLIC REACTION TO SOVIET TRIALS

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1. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HENRI SIMONET, ON BEHALF OF THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT, EXPRESSED ON JULY 14 HIS "VERY REAL ANXIETY CONCERNING THE SEVERITY OF THE SENTENCES WHICH HAVE JUST BEEN INFLICTED AGAINST THESE TWO PERSONALITIES WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN THEIR FIGHT FOR RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN."

2. SIMONET ALSO EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAD IGNORED APPEALS FROM THE WORLD COMMUNITY AND FROM BELGIUM CALLING ON THE USSR TO GIVE FAIR TREATMENT TO PERSONS WHOSE ONLY OBJECTIVE WAS TO ASK FOR THE STRICT APPLICATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI AGREEMENT.

3. ON JULY 10, PRIOR TO THE SENTENCING, THE BELGIAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

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"THE CHAMBER, HAVING LEARNED OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE SOVIET UNION AGAINST PERSONS CALLING FOR THE APPLICATION OF RIGHTS GUARANTEED BY THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND BY THE FINAL ACT OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR,

- EXPRESSES ITS EMOTION;

- APPEALS TO THE SOVIET PEOPLE AND TO THE SOVIET  
GOVERNMENT IN ORDER THAT NO SENTENCE BE PRONOUNCED  
THAT WOULD BE AT VARIANCE WITH AGREEMENTS SIGNED

BY THE QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE USSR."  
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